

CLAIM AMENDMENTS:

Please amend Claims 1, 5, 9, and 11 as follows:

1. (Currently amended) An image processing method for processing an input image that contains a plurality of objects, comprising:

an identifying step for identifying the types of objects based on a rendering command;

an obtaining step for obtaining an image correction condition based on image characteristics of a specific type of object;

a correction step for correcting said input image related to said specific type of object by using said image correction condition; and

a developing step for developing raster data of a predetermined size for each image based on said rendering command;

wherein if an image area of said predetermined size has said specific type of object, said rendering command is inputted a plurality of times for said identifying step, said obtaining step, said correction step, and said developing step, and

if an image area of said predetermined size does not have said specific type of object, said rendering command is inputted one time for said identifying step and said developing step.

2. (Original) An image processing method according to Claim 1, wherein said specific type of object is a photographic image.

3. (Previously Presented) An image processing method according to Claim 1, further comprising:

an outputting step for outputting data representing the corrected object to an image formation unit;

wherein said image processing method is executed by a printer driver; and

said rendering command is inputted from an operating system.

4. (Previously Presented) An image processing method according to Claim 1, wherein:

said obtaining step calculates said image correction condition based on a histogram of the specific type of object.

5. (Currently Amended) An image processing method according to Claim 1, further comprising a ~~dividing step for dividing said input image containing said plurality of objects into a plurality of portions~~ setting step for setting an image area position, and a fetching step for fetching the rendering command related to the set image area position.

6.-8. (Cancelled)

9. (Currently Amended) An image processing apparatus for processing an input image that contains a plurality of objects comprising:

identifying means for identifying the types of objects based on a rendering command;

means for obtaining an image correction condition based on image characteristics of a specific type of object;

image correcting means for correcting the input image related to the specific type of object by using said image correction condition; and

developing means for developing raster data of a predetermined size for each image based on said rendering command,

wherein if an image area of said predetermined size has said specific type of object, said rendering command is inputted a plurality of times during operation of said identifying means, said obtaining means, said correction means and said developing means, and

wherein when said identifying means fails to identify the specific type of object, said rendering command is inputted one time during operation of said identifying means and said developing means.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Currently Amended) A recording medium in which a program readable by a computer is recorded, comprising:

- an identifying step for identifying the types of objects based on a rendering command;
- an obtaining step for obtaining an image correction condition based on image characteristics of a specific type of object;
- a correction step for correcting said input image related to said specific type of object by using said image correction condition; and
- a developing step for developing raster data of a predetermined size for each image based on said rendering command;

wherein if an image area of said predetermined size has said specific type of object, said rendering command is inputted a plurality of times for said identifying step, said obtaining step, said correction step, and said developing step, and

if an image area of said predetermined size does not have said specific type of object, said rendering command is inputted one time for said identifying step and said developing step

12. (Cancelled)